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Title: METHOD OF JOINING TOGETHER TWO PLANAR MEMBERS BY FRICTION
 STIR WELDING, AND TAB PLATE USED IN THE SAME METHOD

1. Papers enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

36 Page(s) of Specification
6 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
5 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-5)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- ☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ A Declaration for Utility or Design Application Using an Application Data Sheet
- ☒ A Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and a certified copy of:

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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO Form-1449
- ☒ An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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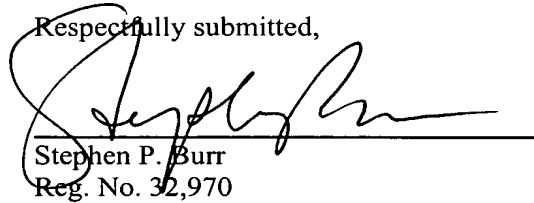
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